

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 and 31-51 are presently pending in the application.

In the present Communication, the Examiner contends that the previously filed Response to Restriction Requirement was not fully responsive because no group of claims was elected for initial examination.

For the reasons set forth in the Response filed August 13, 2004, which Applicants rely upon in full, Applicants strenuously traverse the Restriction Requirement. Reconsideration, rejoining, and examination of all of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

Provisional Election

As required by 37 C.F.R. 1.111 and 1.141, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, the invention of Group I (claims 1-4, 9-11, and 49) for initial examination.

Prompt reconsideration of the restriction requirement, examination of the claims, and a Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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